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Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows prior to substantive examination.

In the Specification.

After the title, please insert the following:

--Related Application Information

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from PCT Application No. PCT/CA99/00375, filed April 27, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, which claims the benefit of Canadian Application Serial No. 2,230,201, filed April 27, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/118,739, filed February 5, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the Claims.

Please amend the claims as follows.

A2 m^b 7 9. (Amended) A recombinant vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims].

A3 B² B17 19. (Amended) A process for recombinantly producing murine Ese1 protein comprising culturing a host cell comprising a recombinant vector comprising